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After reading all the data I could find on usdoj.gov on the Microsoft anti-trust case, I've come to a personal conclusion that Microsoft is still trying to turn this entire case into a positive experience for themselves. Think of the recently shot-down idea of giving free Windows to schools. Sure it would cost Microsoft about 3 cents per CD to give the schools Windoze, but those schools would then have to buy more software from Microsoft and would eventually have to upgrade to a higher Windoze operating system.

As you can probably see from my email address, I am a mac user. I am a very proud and extreme Mac user at that, so bear with me if this seems biased. If Microsoft were forced to simply pay the schools vast amounts of money, I think it would make everyone happy but Microsoft. The amount of money would have to be well over a billion dollars to be more than a slap on the wrist to Microsoft. Now the biased part. I still believe that Microsoft should be split up, not just into 2 companies, but into at least a dozen small companies. Windows development company, office and other productivity software company, games company, small hardware company, Xbox company, etc. My experience with all of Microsoft's hardware and software with the exception of Office v.X for Mac OS X has been thoroughly negative. Microsoft's tactics are clearly to make their own life better, even now that they are under investigation. Microsoft needs to be punished and punished \*hard\*

Sincerely,

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